

Day and Night Written Assessment Rubric

Level	Description of Level of Understanding
4	Has a complete and detailed understanding of the topic:
	 Day is the portion of the earth facing the sun
	 Night is the portion of the earth turned away from the sun
	• Half the earth is always facing the sun (day) and half the earth is always
	facing away from the sun (night)
	• Since the earth is a solid sphere and light can't go through it, light from
	the sun can only hit 50% of the earth at one time
	• The rotation of the earth on its axis (spinning) makes the sun look like it
	is rising, setting, and moving across the sky
	Does not have any misconceptions about the topic.
3	Has a complete but not detailed understanding of the topic:
	• Day is the portion of the earth facing the sun
	• Night is the portion of the earth turned away from the sun
	• Half the earth is always facing the sun (day) and half the earth is always
	facing away from the sun (night)
	• Since the earth is a solid sphere and light can't go through it, light from
	the sun can only hit 50% of the earth at one time
	• The rotation of the earth on its axis (spinning) makes the sun look like it
	is rising, setting, and moving across the sky
	Does not have any misconceptions about the topic.
2	Has an incomplete understanding of the topic and/or has some misconceptions
	about the topic
1	Understanding of the topic is incomplete and contains significant
	misconceptions.